

The Schedule.

IN THIS SCHEDULE
IS CONTAINED THE
EXCISE,

SET AND TO BE SET UPON
Severall Commodities, as well
Forreign as Native, as hereaf-
ter followeth,



46.

BRISTOLL;

Printed by ROBERT BARKER, and JOHN
BILL, Printers to the Kings most Excel-
lent Majesty: M DC. XLIIII.

THE SHERIFF

OF THE COUNTY OF

OF THE COUNTY OF

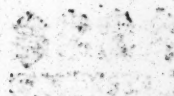
BY

AND TO THE

OF THE COUNTY OF

OF THE COUNTY OF

OF THE COUNTY OF



OF THE COUNTY OF

OF THE COUNTY OF

OF THE COUNTY OF

CHARLES by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To Our trusty and wel-beloved Arthur Bassett Esq; George Parry Doctor of the Lawes, Peter Sainthill Esq; and Richard Ward Esq; greeting. Whereas we have been, and still are enforced to raise and maintain severall Armies for the defence of the true Protestant Religion, Our own Royall Person and just Rights, the Lawes of the Land, the Liberties and Properties of Our Subjects, and Priviledges of Parliament, for the resistance of the present Inbasion of the Scots, and for suppression of this their horrid Rebellion raised against us, the charge whereof is so vast that we are no way able (Our own Revenues and Customs being detained from us & by the Rebels employed for maintenance of those forces which they have raised against us) to destroy the same, without the assistance of Our good Subjects: And whereas at a Councell of War held at Oxford the 28. day of December last past, it was presented unto us by the Lords and others of Our said Councell then present, That the Rebels at London, and other parts of this Kingdom in their power (to maintain and continue their horrid and barbarous Rebellion) had laid an Excise upon severall wares and Commodities whereby they raise great summes of Money for the payment of their Rebellionous forces, and thereby encourage and keep them together; And it was therefore by the generall consent and

desire of the principall Officers of Our Army,
thought most necessary, that we should be prayed
speedily to lay an Excise upon wares and Commo-
dities in the like nature, whereby Money may be
Levyed for the payment of Our Army raised for
Our own defence, and reducing Our Subjects to
their due Obedience. And although upon due con-
sideration had by us thereon, we found Our selves
necessitated to take some speedy course for raising of
Moneys for these purposes, yet we thought fit to
forbear putting the said Advice in Execution till
we had communicated the same to the Lords and
Commons of Parliament assembled at Oxford by
vertue of Our Proclamation, to the end that with
their advice the said Excise might with most indis-
crepancy and ease to Our People be Rated and Le-
vyed; And the said Lords and Commons taking
into their serious Considerations the meanes how
to support and maintain Our Armies, could not
finde any way whereby that Charge might be so
equally born by Our Subjects as by laying an
Excise upon sundry wares and Commodities for
that purpose; Yet withall humbly desireth that we
would not continue the said Excise for any longer
time then during the present necessity. And whilst
the Rebels at London continue the Excise laid by
them, that we would determine the Excise laid
whensoever we should be thereunto desired by the
Lords and Commons, and ease Our People of the
Contribution now paid in part or in whole, so soon
as by this way we should have Moneys sufficient
to maintain Our said Armies, and that we should
be pleased graciously to declare, That the setting &
laying the said Excise is done merely for necessity,
and

and that the Moneys raised thereby shall be employed onely for payment and maintenance of Our Army, and shall be disposed from time to time in such sort as shall be advised by the said Lords and Commons, or such as they nominate, and no otherwise; And that we declare and also promise Our Royall assent to an Act whereby it may be declared and Enacted in a full and free condescension of Parliament, That Our doing therein shall not be drawn into precedent or example in time to come, nor to be made use of, mentioned, or urged as a precedent, nor any other advantage taken thereon in prejudice of the right and property of Our Subjects for the future; And lastly, That the said Excise might be set, ordered, and governed in such a sort and Instructions as should be approved or appointed by the said Lords and Commons, and not otherwise. Know ye therefore, that in pursuance of the said desires, all which we do approve, and thereunto give Our full Promise and Consent, have ordered and appointed, and by these presents do order and appoint that an Excise shall be laid and set, and we do by these presents lay and set an Excise upon the severall Wares and Commodities expressed and contained in the Schedule to these presents annexed, and according to the severall and respective rates and values therein limited and set down to be paid, the same to be raised, levied, paid, and disposed in such sort and manner as in the said Schedule is contained, and according to the Articles and Instructions thereinunto adjoyned: And for the due execution hereof we have nominated, appointed, authorized, and by these presents do nominate, appoint, and authorize You to be Our

Commissioners within Our County of Devon, for
the levying, collecting, and gathering the said Ex-
cise according to the rates & values set down and
prescribed in the said Schedule, and according to
the Articles and Instructions therewithall now
sent, or hereafter to be sent by the approbation of
the said Lords and Commons, or such as they shall
authorize for that purpose, and not otherwise. And
we by these presents give full power and authority
unto you Our said Commissioners, or the greater
number of you, writing under your Hands and
Seales from time to time, to nominate and ap-
point such and so many Substitutes or Deputies
within Our said County, Towns corporate, Vi-
lages, or other part or parts of Our said County,
as to you, or the greater number of you think fit
and convenient; And also in like manner to name,
make, and appoint such and so many Registers,
Clerks, Collectors, and other inferiour Officers
and Ministers for the better execution of the said
service, as to you or the greater number of you shall
seem meet; all which are to be chosen and govern-
ed as is directed in the Instructions hereunto an-
nexed. And Our further will and pleasure is, That
you Our said Commissioners, or any of you shall
not intermeddle or do any thing in the premises by
virtue of these presents, untill such time as you
and every of you shall take the Oath in the said In-
structions set down for the due execution of that
Office, before two Justices of the Peace or more
for the said County of Devon; which Oath we do
hereby give full power and authority unto the Ju-
stices of the Peace of Our said County of Devon,
or any two or more of them, to give and administer

unto you and ebery of you; by vertue of these presents, without further or other Warrant in that behalf; and after such time as you Our said Commissioners have taken the said Oath, we do hereby give full power to you, or the greater number of you to give and administer the like Oath to all ebery such Substitutes and Deputies as you shall make and appoint as aforesaid, before they or any of them do intermeddle in the execution of the said premises; And do likewise by these presents give full power and authority to you Our said Commissioners, or any two or more of you, and also to such Substitutes and Deputies as you shall make and appoint in manner aforesaid, or any two or more of you, from time to time, to give and administer the severall Oaths in the said Instructions specially mentioned to all and ebery such person and persons as are therein and thereby named and appointed to take the same, in such sort as in the said Instructions is expressed. And further, That you Our said Commissioners, or any one of you, and also the said Substitutes and Deputies, or any one of them shall, and may from time to time give and administer an Oath upon the holy Evangelists to all such persons and witnesses as may, or will inform or discover unto you any deceit or other abuse touching the said Excise, contrary to the said Instructions, or any of them. And we do further signifie and declare to all Our good Subjects, That the said Excise, by vertue of these presents, to be laid and imposed upon the severall Wares and Commodities in the said Schedule mentioned, is to be paid, and shall continue untill the Feast of the Annunciation of our blessed Lady St. Mary the Virgin; which

which shall be in the year of our Lord 1645. in case that the Exise laid by the Rebels at London shall so long continue, and that the same shall be determined before that time if we shall be advised by the said Lords and Commons sooner to lay down the same.

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents; Witness Our self, at Oxford the 8. day of May, in the Twentieth year of Our Reign.

*In this Schedule is contained the Excise, set and to be
see upon severall Commodities, as well Forreign as
Native, as hereafter followeth, viz.*



The Forreign Commodities following, as
well Imported and remaining in the
hands of the Merchant, Importer, Re-
tailer, or any other whatsoever, as to
be imported, are charged to pay by the
first Buyer thereof from the Merchant,
Retailer, Importer, or other persons as
aforesaid, the severall Rates here ensuing, over and above
all the Contributions paid for the same at the first landing
thereof:

Spanish and all Tobaccoes, not of the English Plantations, the pound	2.s
Tobacco of the English Plantations the pound	4.d
Wines of all sorts the Tonne	5.l
Strong-Waters, as, Aqua-vitæ, Vsquebaugh, and the like, the Gallon	8. d
Raisons solis the hundred weight	2. s
All other Raisons the hundred weight	16. d
Figges the hundred weight	12. d.
Almonds, the hundred weight	5.s.
Annyseeds, the hundred weight	21. d.
Cloves, the pound	4. d.
Currans, the hundred weight	6. d.
Ginger, the hundred weight	5. d.
Licoras, the hundred weight	12. d.
Maces, the pound	6. d.

B

Nutmegs

Nutmegs, the pound	3.d.
Pepper, the pound	2.d.
Cinnamon, the pound	4.d.
Prunes, the hundred weight	8.d.

Sugars Potat.

Sugar-Candy brown or white, the pound	3.d.
Punelli and St. Thome, the hundred weight	2.s. 6.d.
Muscovadoes, the hundred weight	3.s. 4 d.
White, the hundred weight	6.s. 8.d.
Refined double or single, the hundred weight	9.s. 4.d.

Drugges.

Drugges of all sorts imported, or to be imported, for 20.s. value thereof, and so after that rate for a greater or lesser value to be paid by the first Buyer thereof, from the Merchant or Importer, twelve pence 12.d.

Mercery.

For all sorts of Mercery Wares Imported, or to be Imported, for every 20.s. value thereof, and so proportionably for a greater or lesser value, to be paid by the first Buyer thereof from the Merchant or Importer, twelve pence 12.d.

Silkes Imported.

For all raw Silke imported, or to be imported, for every 20.s. value thereof, and so proportionably for a greater or lesser value, six pence 6.d.

For other Silkes in the Gumme ready thrown, imported or to be imported, for every 20. shillings value thereof, and so proportionably, nine pence 9.d.

For all other Silkes dyed, imported or to be imported, for every 20. shillings value thereof, and so proportionably the severall rates for Silkes, to be paid by the first Buyer thereof, from the Merchant and Importer 12.d.

Linnen Drapery.

For all sorts of Linnen both fine and course, imported and to be imported, for every 20. shillings value thereof, and

and so proportionably to be paid by the first Buyer thereof from the Merchant or Importer, twelve pence 12.d.

Haberdashery.

For all sorts of Haberdashery Wares imported or to be imported, for every 20. shillings value thereof, and so proportionably to be paid by the first Buyer thereof, from the Merchant or Importer, twelve pence 12.d.

Vpholstery.

For all sorts of Vpholstery Ware imported and to be imported, for every 20.s. value thereof, and so proportionably, to be paid by the first Buyer thereof, from the Merchant or Importer, twelve pence 12.d.

Saltry.

For all sorts of Saltry Wares imported and to be imported, for every 20.s. value thereof, and so proportionably to be paid by the first Buyer thereof, from the Merchant or Importer, six pence. 6 d.

Soape.

For all Soape imported or to be imported, for every 20.s. value thereof, and so proportionably, to be paid by the first Buyer thereof from the Merchant or Importer, eighteen pence 18.d.

Paper.

For all Paper bought of the Merchant, for every 20.s. value thereof, and so proportionably to be paid by the first Buyer from the Merchant or Importer, twelve pence 12.d.

Hides, Skins and Leather.

For all Skins, Hides, and Leather imported, or to be imported, for every 20.s. value thereof, and so proportionably to be paid by the first Buyer thereof from the Merchant or Importer, twelve pence 12.d.

Glasses.

For all Glasses and Earthen Ware imported, for every 20.s. value thereof, and so proportionably to be paid by

the first Buyer thereof, from the Merchant or Importer,
twelve pence 12 d.

Iron in Barres of all sorts the Tonne 10 s.

All Cast Iron the hundred weight 10 d.

Iron Hoopes the hundred weight 18 d.

Kettle-Bands the hundred weight 2 s.

Iron wrought, the pound ob.

Oyle called Linseed and Rape Oyle, the Tonne 20 s.

All sorts of Oyle Olive, the Tonne 32 s.

Traine Oyle of all sorts, the Tonne 6 s. 8 d.

Salt Forreign, the Gallon 1 d.

All Lace of what kinde soever of Silke, Gold, Silver or
mixed, or of Threed, and all Ribbands, imported in every
20 s. value, to pay 2 s.

Bever Wooll the pound 2 s.

For every Beaver skinne 6 d.

Sable skins the Timber containing 10. l. skins 30 s.

Cotton Wooll the hundred weight 3 s.

Cotton Yearne the hundred weight 4 s.

Irish Wooll Combed the pound 1 d.

Irish Wooll Combed the hundred weight 2 s. 6 d.

Lambes Wooll the hundred weight 2 s. 6 d.

Polonia Wooll, the hundred weight 2 s. 6 d.

Spanish Wooll for Clothing, the hundred weight 4 s.

Spanish Frie Wooll, the hundred weight 3 s.

Red Wooll, the pound 2 d.

Iron Wyre, the hundred weight 5 s.

Latin Wyre, the hundred weight 6 s. 8 d.

Steele Wyre, the pound 2 d.

Steele of all sorts, the pound ob.

Linnen Yearne imported, the pound ob.

Lace of Gold or Silver, or mixed with silk, home made,
the ounce 6 d.

Buttons of Gold or Silver, or mixed with silk, Forreign
or home made, in any case, value 2 s.

Home or Native Commodities

- 1 For all strong-waters and Aqua-vitæ made or distilled within this Realm and Dominion of *Wales*, to be paid by the Maker or Distiller after the rate of 8 d. the gallon 8.d
- 2 For every Barrell of Meade or Metheglin either sold or spent, and so proportionably be the quantity greater or lesse, to be paid by the first Seller thereof 5.s
- 3 For every Barrell of Beere or Ale of eight shillings the Barrell and upward, sold to be paid by the Brewer or Maker thereof 2.s
- 4 For every Barrell of Beere or Ale of six shillings the Barrell and upward, under Eight sold to be paid by the Brewer or Maker thereof 1.s
- 5 For every Barrell of Beere or Ale of every value under six shillings to three sold to be paid by the Brewer or Maker thereof, and so after that proportion, be the Cask or Vessell greater or lesser, six pence 6.d
- 6 For every Quarter of Malt, except Oaten Malt, made to be sold, and so proportionably 2.s
- 7 For every Quarter of Oaten Malt made to be sold 1.s. 4.d. and that every person that makes Malt, and with it brews Beere or Ale to sell, shall pay in the same proportion for his Malt, as if it were bought.
- 8 For every Hoghead of Perry or Cider sold, to be paid by the first Retayler thereof, and so after that rate for a greater or lesser proportion of Caske, two shillings 2.s
- 9 For every Hoghead of Perry or Cider bought for private use, to be paid by the first Buyer thereof 12.d. and after the same rate for a greater or lesser quantity 12.d
- 10 For all Beere, Ale, Perry or Cider to be necessarily used for fishing at Sea by English Subjects, to be orderly laid on Shipboard for that purpose, no Excise to be paid.
- 11 For all sorts of Woollen Gloath, and other Commodities made of or mixt with Wooll, made or spent within

this Realm and the Dominion of *Wales*, for every twenty shillings value thereof, and so proportionably, to be paid by the first Buyer thereof, twelve pence 12.d

12 For all Salt made within the Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, to be paid a penny upon every Gallon; and that all Salt upon Salt, that is made of Salt within the said Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, which hath once paid the Excise, shall pay one half penny upon every Gallon, to be paid by the Maker of all such Salt, before such time as the said Salt shall be put to sale. And that all other Salt upon Salt imported, or to be imported into the said Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, shall pay one penny half penny upon every Gallon, to be paid by the first Buyer of such Salt; Provided alwayes, that no Salt expended upon Fishing by English Subjects shall be liable to this Excise.

13 That all Beeves, Muttons, Veales, Porkes, Lambs, and other Butchers meat, to be killed for provision of Victuals, shall pay one shilling in every twenty shillings value of the Beast living, by the Butcher, and so after that proportion.

14 That all Conies or Rabbits shall pay an half penny a peece, to be paid by the first Seller.

15 That all Pigeons shall pay after the rate of one penny for every dozen, to be paid by the first Seller thereof.

16 That White-bread made of Wheat, shall pay one penny in every twelve pence value, by the Baker or maker thereof selling the same.

17 That for all Beeves, Muttons, Veales, Porkes, Lambs and other Butchers-meat killed for provision of private mens houses, the Excise to be paid, as by the Butcher is appointed.

18 For all Soape made within this Realm and Dominion of *Wales*, for every pound of Soape to be paid by the Maker thereof ob,

19 English Iron Wyre of all sorts in every 20 s. value to be paid by the Maker or first Seller thereof 12.d.

20 English brasse Wyre of all sorts in every 20 s. value to be paid by the Maker or first Seller thereof 12.d.

21 That there shall be imposed by way of Excise, halfe penny in the pound upon Butter, and a farthing of a penny the pound upon Cheese, to be paid by the first Seller thereof, of all Butter and Cheese sold throughout *England*, and in the Dominion of *Wales*, halfe that proportion. That the Commissioners for Excise shall have power to compound with the Sellers of Butter and Cheese, as in the last Instruction for private Families.

All which rates to be paid for any Forraign Commodities imported, shall be paid by the first Buyer thereof from the Merchant or Importer, or from the Broker who useth to deale between the Merchant and the Shop-keeper. And for all other Commodities hereby charged with Excise, the Rates to be paid in such manner as in the Schedule or the Articles following is directed.

And for the better ordering, Collecting and disposing of the Excise laid and appointed according to the rates aforesaid, the Commissioners hereafter named, and to be named, are to observe and to persue the Instructions following.

1 That every person and persons who have imported, or shall import, or cause to be imported, any Commodities in the aforesgoing Schedule mentioned, for his or their own private use or spending, or for any other purpose, shall pay the rates in the said Schedule set and imposed upon the same Commodities.

2 *Item*, for all Commodities here rated, which are or shall be first imported, and after, within six months, exported beyond the Seas, the Excise thereof being paid, and due proof thereof made by Oath of the Party or Witnesses

nesses before the said Commissioners or any two of them, or any two of such as they shall appoint under their Hands and Seales, shall be repaid, and the said Commissioners and their Deputies shall have power to repay the same accordingly. And if any Merchant or other Buyer of any Clothes, or other woollen Commodities, made within this Realm or Dominion of *Wales*, shall buy the same to transport beyond the Seas, and shall accordingly transport the same, then no Excise thereof to be paid.

3 *Item*, that there shall be an Office erected in the City of _____ or elsewhere, as shall be appointed by His Majesty, to be called the *Office of Excise*, and that there shall be five Commissioners to be nominated by His Majesty, to govern the Affaires and Service appertaining to this Excise, whereof one to be Treasurer Generall to receive all the money arising by the said Excise, and one other of them to be Comptroller thereof, the which Commissioners so named are to reside at _____ or where else His Majesty shall appoint; and that they the said Commissioners, or the major part of them, or their sufficient Deputies, shall have power to execute these Instructions as Commissioners in the

And shall be authorized from time to time to chuse Registers, Collectors, Clerks, Surveyors, Deputies, Searchers, and other subordinate Officers, and them to employ for their assistance in the execution of the said Office and Services, taking good security of them for their diligence and faithfull demeanor therein, and also swearing them according to the form of an Oath hereafter prescribed, with like power to displace them, if they finde cause, and to place others in their rooms, and to allow and pay unto them such wages out of the Receipts of this Excise for their paines and service therein, as the said Commissioners or the

the greater part of them shall thinke fit and reasonable, and as shall be approved and allowed by the Lords and Commons of Parliament here assembled, or such others as shall be thereunto authorized by them,

4 *Item*, That the Commissioners herein after named, shall be, and are hereby nominated and appointed to be chief Commissioners, or Governours of the Affaires of the said Excise, *viz.*

5 *Item*, That the said Commissioners, hereby or hereafter to be appointed in the severall Cities and Counties, the Treasurer and Comptroller, and all other the Inferiour Officers, and Ministers shall respectively, before they enter upon their Office or Imployment assigned unto them, take an Oath hereafter exprest, according as by the Commission is appointed, for the due execution of their severall and respective Offices and places.

6 *Item*, That there be also
for the City of *Bristol*,

Commissioners.

For the City of *Exeter*,

Commissioners.

For the City of *Salisbury*,

Commissioners.

and in every County of this Kingdom of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, now, or hereafter in obedience to His Majesty, or in as many other Towns, Cities, and places as the said Lords and Commons, or such as they shall authorize thereunto, appoint to be nominated by the Kings Majesty. All which Commissioners within the respective places of their charge, shall take care of the Levying, Collecting, and Receiving of the said Excise, and of all the service thereunto appertaining, according to the purport of these Instructions. And for the better effecting thereof shall have power to make Collectors, Registers, Clerks, Surveyors, Searchers, and other inferiour Officers fit and convenient thereunto. And that in every of the said Cities and Counties, one of the said Commissioners shall be Treasurer to receive

all the Money within that City or County, and one other of them Comptroller thereof. That all the said Commissioners in the said severall and respective Cities and Counties, shall have relation unto the said chief Commissioners of the Office of Excise, resident at *Oxford*, or elsewhere, as His Majesty shall appoint, as well in the due and orderly making up the money and accompts touching the premisses, as in observing and performing such further Orders and Directions, as from time to time they shall receive from the said chief Commissioners, for the good of this service, in pursuance of these Instructions; and all and every the respective Treasurers shall returne and pay all and every the severall Receipts, in their respective Cities and Counties, unto the chief Treasurer and Comptroller resident, as aforesaid, at *Oxford*, as often as they shall be thereunto required, by order from the said chief Treasurer and Comptroller, whose respective Acquittances shall be a sufficient discharge to the said Treasurers, in the respective Counties in that behalf.

7. *Item*, That the Collectors, Registers, Clerks, and all other inferiour Officers afore mentioned, shall have for their paines and service, in and about the said businessse, such reasonable summe and summes of Money allowed and paid them, as the Commissioners in the severall and respective places, or the major part of them shall think fit, with the allowance and approbation of the Lords and Commons of Parliament assembled at *Oxford*, or such as shall be thereunto authorized by them.

8. *Item*, That the said chief Commissioners, Treasurer, or Comptroller, or any of them, or any other Commissioners, Treasurer, or Deputy whatsoever, shall not issue or pay out any Moneys, raised, levyed, collected and returned to them for this Excise to any person, or persons whatsoever, but by order of the Lords and Commons of Parliament here at *Oxford* assembled, or by such as they shall
for

for that purpose nominate, and appoint to give order and directions in the same.

9 *Item*, That the severall Offices for this Excise, in all Cities, Counties, and places where this Office shall be kept upon all the week-dayes, (except the Lords-day, and also Holy dayes in the time of Divine Service,) from eight of the clock in the Morning, till twelve at noon : and from two of the clock in the afternoon till six in the Evening, for the entring and registering the names and sir-names, as well of the Seller, Buyers and Makers of the said severall Commodities in the said Schedule mentioned, and the severall quantities and values thereof, and for receiving of all Moneys which shall be due and payable for the Excise, and for other things necessary to be done touching the said businesse, which said Entries shall be made accordingly.

10 *Item*, That all and every the Merchants and Importers of the said Forreign Commodities, in the said Schedule mentioned, and all others chargeable with the payment of this Excise for any the Commodities in the said Schedule mentioned, shall weekly cause to be entred in the said respective Offices, a true and perfect List and Accompt of all and every the said Commodities respectively, and shall not deliver any of the said commodities to any of the buyers thereof, or other person or persons (except Flesh for which the Butcher, seller, or spender is to be accountable once a week,) and except such of the said commodities as shall by the Licence of the said respective Commissioners, or the major part of them, or such as they shall under their Hands and Seales thereunto appoint, be to be transported beyond the Seas) untill the same be so entred as aforesaid ; And that no person or persons chargeable with the said Excise, shall sell or dispose of any of the said commodities, without first receiving a Ticket or Warrant from the said respective Officer or Officers, that the Excise due for the same is paid or so undertaken, and secured to be paid, as the

Commissioners, their Deputie or Deputies, or some, or one of them, shall therewith rest satisfied, which forbearance of present payment shall be onely for such reasonable time, or for such speciall causes as shall be lesse prejudiciall to the expediting of the present service. And if any of the said commodities chargeable with the Excise shall refuse or neglect to make a true entry thereof, as aforesaid, or shall do any thing contrary hereunto, the same being proved by oath of a credible witnesse, or confession of the party before the said Commissioners, or any one or more of them, shall forfeit the double value of the goods and commodities so by him or them neglected, to be entred or so delivered, sold, or disposed of, contrary to the purport and true intent of the premisses to the use of His Majesty to be disposed of, for support of His Majesties Armies, the same to be levyed by the said respective Commissioners, or Deputies, or such as they, or the major part of them shall appoint, by distresse and sale of the offenders goods, (if they shall not be redeemed within fourteen dayes) rendring to the party the overplus: and for want of such sufficient distresse, all and every the said Commissioners and Deputies, or the major part of them respectively, or such as they shall appoint, shall have power to commit such offender to prison till he pay the said forfeiture.

11 *Item*, That no Merchant, Denizen, or Stranger, Mariner or other person whatsoever Importer of any goods or Merchandise into any the Ports of this Kingdom, or Dominion of *Wales*, or shall discharge or land any goods or commodities before they shall have first given notice thereof to the Officers of Excise for that place, by delivery of a Bill of Entry under his Hand, specifying the said severall goods so imported, their quantities and qualities respectively, under the penalties in the last precedent Article contained, and to be levyed in like manner.

12 *Item*, That the said respective Commissioners, or the major

major part of them, out of the Forfeitures above mentioned, are to give and allow to any person and persons which shall inform them of any abuse committed by any person or persons contrary to the tenor of these presents, so much money for his and their reward and recompence of his and their paines, as the said Commissioners, or the major part of them shall thinke fit, the same to be allowed unto the Commissioners upon their Accompts.

13 *Item*, That the said Commissioners, or the major part of them, shall have power to punish all subordinate Officers and Deputies of what ranke soever, belonging to the imployment of the Excise respectively, for their Offences in the execution of their services and imployments, by the forfeiture of their wages, and dismission out of the service, at their discretion.

14 *Item*, That all His Maj. sties Customers, Comptrollers, and other Ministers and Officers in the Sea-ports and places, shall from time to time permit and suffer the said respective Commissioners, or any of them, or any of their Deputy or Deputies, or such as they shal appoint to search, view, and examine any Note-book, Book, or Books, or other Accompts belonging to the Custom-house, and to take Copies thereof, or of as much thereof as they please: and that the said Commissioners of Excise, or any of their Deputies shall have place to sit in every Custom-house, and shall have power by themselves or their Agents to take Notes or Copies of all Entries of goods and Merchandise imported, or to be imported from time to time.

15 *Item*, That the said Commissioners and their Deputies, or any one of them respectively, shall at their discretions call before them any person or persons whom they shall think fit to inform and testifie touching the premisses, and to examine any such person (other then the party himselfe) upon Oath, for the better discovery of any fraud or guile in the contriving of any the said Commodities, or

not paying of the Excise according to the tenor hereof, and the testimony of one credible witness or confession of the party shall be sufficiently in that behalf.

16 *Item*, That the said respective Commissioners, or the major part of them, shall from time to time appoint any Officer or Officers belonging to the Excise, to enter into the Sellars, Shops, Ware-houses, Store-houses, or other places of every person or persons, that selleth, buyeth, or spendeth any of the said Commodities in the said Schedule mentioned, to search and see what quantities of the said Commodities every or any such person hath in his hands, or any other person or persons to his use, and for the preventing of all fraud and abuses that may be used or practised to avoid the payment of the said Excise.

17 *Item*, That all Sheriffes, Majors, Justices of Peace, Bayliffes, Constables, and other Officers and Ministers whatsoever, be from time to time aiding and assisting to all and every the said respective Commissioners and other Officers of Excise, and every of them, with due execution thereof, and of the Articles here contained: and that special care be taken as well by the respective Commissioners, as the said Majors, Justices of the Peace, and other Officers whom it shall and may concern, that the Assizes of Beer, Ale, Wine, Bread, and other things be duly kept and observed, and the abuses therein punished, according to the Laws and Statutes in that behalf made; as they will answer the contrary at their perils.

18 *Item*, That the respective Commissioners hereby appointed, or as many of them as shall execute the same, shall have for their paines and service therein, within their respective limits, six pence in the twenty shillings, that shall be raised and paid to the said Treasurers of Excise respectively, hereby appointed to be amongst them the said Commissioners, Treasurer and Comptroller equally divided; the same to be allowed quarterly upon their Accounts,

compts, without any further warrant: and the five chief Commissioners for the Excise shall be rewarded over and above the said six pence in the pound, as the Lords and Commons shall think meet, according to the merit of their service.

19 *Item*, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, selling any Commodities hereby charged with Excise, shall take any more in the price thereof upon the sale or utterance of the said Commodities, then according to the usuall rates and prices appointed by Law for the same, (except onely the rate of the Excise) as they will answer the contrary at their perils.

And as touching all Woollen Draperies old and new, the Excise for the same is to be paid by the Shop-keeper, who Buys the same to sell again.

20 *Item*, That there be a present and due survey made of all goods whatsoever, charged with this Excise, now remaining in any place whatsoever unfold or unretailed; and that the severall Persons in whose possession they are, do pay or give security to pay the Excise set upon them. *Provided* alwayes, That since the way of this Excise is new, and the mischiefs, inconveniences, and disorders in settling the severall rates, levying the same, and imposing penalties in manner and form aforesaid, cannot be well foreseen, and at first prevented; His Majesty, by the advice and consent of the Lords and Commons of Parliament here Assembled at *Oxford*, or of such Committee of the Members of both Houses, or the Major number of them as they shall appoint to that purpose, may from time to time, and at all times have Power to revoke or alter any of the Rates or Charges, or any part of them hereby imposed; or any of the Instructions, or any part of them before mentioned, and to adde such further Rates, or make such new Instructions, and to increase or diminish allowances, and allowances as by the advice aforesaid shall be thought fit, for the better

better execution, encouraging, and regulating of the same. And also with the Advice and Consent afore said, to take, call for, and examine all Accompts, to issue and disburse any Summe or Summes of Money, to displace or new appoint Commissioners the Deputy or Deputies in the respective Counties, Cities, and places whatsoever, and to settle and decide all such differences, quarrels and debates, and to order, punish and correct all such faults, injuries and misdemeanors as shall happen to be committed in the execution hereof, either in or between the Commissioners themselves, their Deputy or Deputies, or in, and between them or any of them, and all Commissioners and other persons whatsoever, are to be required and enjoyned to yeeld obedience and submission to all such further or other Orders, Directions, and Instructions as they shall receive from His Majesty, by the advice and consent afore said in the execution of the premisses, and every part thereof in any thing or things that may or shall conduce to the better ordering, government, and execution of the same.

Provided also, for the better ease and conveniency of all such of His Majesties Subjects, who are Masters and Governors of private Families, the Commissioners in their respective Counties and places of imployment, their Deputy or Deputies, or any two or more of them within their respective Divisions, shall have power to compound and agree with such persons, and every of them, for a weekly payment of a certain summe of Money in grosse, in lieu and full satisfaction of all the Rates hereby imposed upon such Commodities as shall be killed, raised, or made in the said private Families, to be spent within the same for their own use, and not for sale, if they desire the same.



The Forme of the OATH.

*To the Commissioners, their Deputie, or
Deputies, or all other Officers.*



*You shall sweare to be faith-
full and true to Our Sove-
raign Lord the King, His
Heirs, and Successours,
and in your Office or Place
as a Commissioner for the Excise, during
the time you shall be a Commissioner, you
shall according to the authority and di-
rections given you, or to be given you by
His Majestie, by advice of the Lords
and Commons of Parliament assembled
at Oxford, and according to your best
knowledge execute the same diligently*
D and

*and faithfully, having no private respect
in prejudice of this present Service; you
shall make and deliver a true accompt of
all the Receipts and Disbursements to the
Lords and Commons of Parliament as-
sembled at Oxford, or to such as they
shall appoint. So help you God*

FINIS.

